

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-208-S - ORDER NO. 96-447 ✓ \$

JULY 3, 1996

IN RE:	Application of Midlands Utility, Inc. for)	ORDER
	Approval of an Extension of Sewer Service)	APPROVING
	Area to include Pat Vella Property,)	EXTENSION
	Lexington County.)	OF SERVICE
)	AREA

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the request of Midlands Utility, Inc. ("Midlands") for approval of an extension of its authorized service area to include 1905 Fish Hatchery Road located in Lexington County, South Carolina. The request was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 (Supp. 1995), 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs.103-504 (1976), and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs.103-821 (1976).

Midlands' request for an extension of its service area states that the owner of the property has asked that Midlands provide sewer service to the property. A letter from Pat Vella, owner of the property in question, requesting Midlands' service is attached to Midlands' filing. Midlands also notes in its filing that sewer service to this parcel will be for an office only as that the remainder of the property will be used as mini-warehouse (self-storage) sites. By its filing, Midlands also requests that the public notice and hearing be waived in this matter. With its

filing, Midlands attached a copy of a letter written to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) wherein Midlands informed DHEC that Midlands has sufficient capacity in its system to serve this particular parcel of property. Midlands also requests that the Commission waive the public notice and hearing in this matter.

The Commission acknowledges that Midlands is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina and is a public utility within the meaning of S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10 (Supp.1995). As a public utility operating in the State of South Carolina, Midlands is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10 et seq. (1976), as amended. Midlands was previously granted a service area by this Commission, and rates and charges for sewer service have heretofore been approved by this Commission.

Upon a thorough review of the matters contained in the filing and the applicable law, the Commission finds and concludes that the notice and hearing in this matter should be waived and that Midlands' request for for an extension of service area to allow Midlands to serve the parcel of property located at 1905 Fish Hatchery Road in Lexington County should be granted. The owner of the property in question requested service from Midlands and therefore has notice of Midlands' request for an extension of service area to serve the property. As no other property owners are affected by Midlands request, the Commission believes and so finds that a waiver of the notice and hearing requirement is in the

public interest in the instant matter.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of Midlands to extend its service area to include the parcel of property located at 1905 Fish Hatchery Road in Lexington County, South Carolina is approved.

2. The schedule of rates and charges previously approved for Midlands by Order No. 92-84 dated February 28, 1992, in Docket No. 90-528-S and by Order No. 92-244, dated April 10, 1992, in Docket No. 91-568-S is approved for the service area approved herein, effective for service rendered on or after the date of this Order.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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